

Amendment
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X is a number from 0 to 30;

Y is a number from 0 to 10;

each R¹ and R² is independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl moieties of from 1 to 18 carbon atoms, provided that, if X is 0, at least one R² is Z;

Z is R³OB_nG;

R³ is an alkylene moiety of from 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

B is an alkylene oxide moiety selected from the group consisting of ethylene oxide, propylene oxide, butylene oxide, and mixtures thereof;

n is a number from 1 to 50 if, and only if, B contains ethylene oxide, otherwise n is a number from 1 to 10; and

G is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydrocarbon moieties of from 1 to 18 carbon atoms, and acetyl.

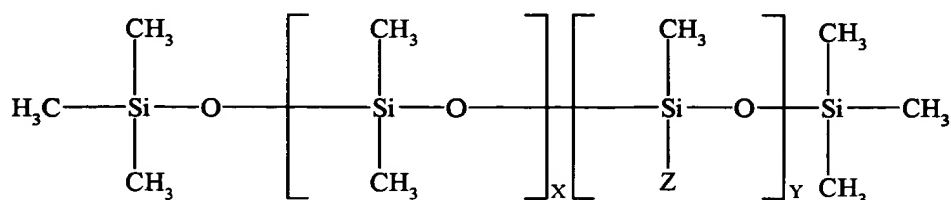
10. (Amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein the seed treatment formulation further comprises at least one ingredient selected from the group consisting of an active agent, a carrier, a surfactant, a dispersing agent, an anti-caking agent, and a foam-control agent.

Please add the following new claims 15 through 17.

15. (New) A composition comprising a seed treatment formulation comprising from about 0.1% to about 80% by weight of at least one active ingredient, about 10% to about 50% by weight of a carrier, about 0.1% to about 20% by weight of at least one surfactant, about 0.1%

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to about 30% by weight of at least one dispersing agent, at least one pigment or dye, at least one anti-caking agent, and an organosilicone additive of the formula:



wherein:

Z is $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O})_n\text{G}$;

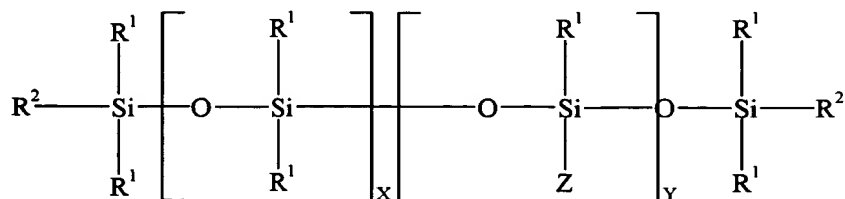
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Y is a number from 1 to 10;

n is a number from 1 to 50; and

G is hydrogen or an alkyl group of from 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

16. (New) A method for treating seeds comprising applying to said seeds a composition comprising a seed treatment formulation comprising at least one pigment or dye and an organosilicone additive of the formula:



wherein:

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Y is a number from 0 to 10;

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R^3 is an alkylene moiety of from 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

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17. (New) The method of claim 17 wherein the formulation is a water-dispersible paste.